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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1 - 8

Major **Part B. for** march 80.

SUBJECT

Amendments of the opium rules.

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1. Jo. (1) The Dyp. Comr of Dists. 2) The Dy Secy No 5903-11 / R.1035 dy 4.2.80. Issues instructions rela to the prohibition of the cultivation of po and the manufacture etc of opium.

2. From Dy. Comr Bangalore. Dy No 5811 / 2105 dy 21.2.80. R.5 Reports regarding the rate of license fees on op and Ganja ~~sales~~ shops.

3. From the Dyp Comr. Kolar Dy No 6096 / 2198 Lr No 844 / 509 dy Proposes that Rs 3 may be levied on the Vendors of opium for their license.

4. From the Dy Comr. Kadur. Dy no 6319 / 2259 dy Letter No 162

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the rate as is existing may be retained as a tentative measure for the ensuing official year.

5. From The Dy Commr Shimoga Dt

Dy No 6342/2272 dt 15-3-80. L. No 329.

Submits a report on the opium trade on the subject.

6. From do. Tumkur

Dy No 6372/2275 L No B. dt 17.3.80.

Requests information as to the price at which opium may be sold and as to the rate of license fees.

To. The Dy Commrs of Districts.
The Dy Accts General
The President. Bangalore municipal Commission

No 6898-907 dt 27.3.80

Issues instructions relative to the price per seer of 24 tolas and the amount of license fee to be paid per quarter.

Enclosed
B Hanumanth Rao

ial 4½: From the Dy Commr Mysore Dist

Dy No 6366/2269. L No 1891 dt 15-3-80

Informs that there are only 2 opium vendors in Mysore and one at French Rocks.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

REVENUE.

To

The Dy. Commissioners of Districts.
" Dy. Accountant General.

Dated 4th February.

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No. 5905-11.
R. 1035.

Consequent on the Opium Act and Rules coming into force from the 1st April 1880, issues instructions relative to the prohibition of the cultivation of poppy and the manufacture, &c., of opium from that date.

Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore in the Revenue Department, (Revenue),—dated 4th February 1880.

No. 5903-11—Rev. 1035, dated Bangalore, 4th February 1880.

Order.—With reference to the Opium Act and the Rules published in the Gazette and which will come into force from the 1st April 1880, the Deputy Commissioners of the several Districts are requested to give the widest publicity to them, especially amongst the cultivators of the poppy and traders in opium, and to notify to them that the cultivation of poppy and the manufacture, import, export and transport of opium are absolutely prohibited from the above date, that no one is allowed to sell opium excepting licensed vendors or licensed medical practitioners, and that no one is authorized to have in his possession more than three tolas of opium purchased from Government or from a licensed vendor or medical practitioner. Any persons who may be now in possession of opium should deliver up the same before the 1st April 1880 to the Deputy Commissioners, who will forward the same to the Deputy Accountant General. The article will be paid for if it is fit for use at cost price.

2. The arrangements contemplated ar[e] Mysore Government will im-
port the opium required for local consumptio[n] Malwa through the Deputy Ac-
countant General, to whom the District Offi[cers] uld from time to time apply for
the quantities required for consumption in th[e] l Districts.

3. The Deputy Commissioners are au[thorized] o grant licenses for the retail
sale of opium to any vendors and medical p[ersons], in the forms appended to the
Rules. As the extremely limited demand f[or] in this Province affords but little
inducement to persons to trade in it, and a[s] portant that there should be no
dif-ficulty in the way of persons readily obta[ining] um for medical purposes or other-
wise, care should be taken that no impedi[ments] e thrown in the way of persons
obtaining licenses except on the ground of c[haracter]. The Deputy Commis-
sioners are requested to propose the quarte[rly] be paid by the vendors for their
licenses, but no fees are leviable from medic[al] oners.

4. The vendors should obtain the c[ontents] m the Deputy Commissioners in
quantities of not less than 1 seer of 24 tol[as] at a time on prepayment of the
price which will be hereafter fixed and inti[mated]. But medical practitioners are no
authorized to have in their possession more er of opium. They may purchase
less quantity either from licensed vendors [or] ie Deputy Commissioners.

5. No retail price for vendors, either [minimum, maximum, is prescribed, and such]
will not be necessary so long as licenses ar[e] iven to competing applicants.

6. The Deputy Commissioners should to terminate all existing contract
and arrangements in regard to opium by f the current official year. The
should, in due course, report the arrangem[ents] by them in the matter, the licen
ses issued by them, the manner in which th[e] requirements in the matter are me
the prices at which vendors sell the artic[le] public, and whether there is an
room for smuggling.

7. In conclusion it is necessary to explain that the provisions of the Act in r[e]
gard to the cultivation of poppy and the manufacture of and trade in opium are e[n]
tirely prohibitive, excepting to such extent as is specially permitted by the Rules.

C. RANGACHARLU,
Revenue Secretary.

To—The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.—8 — 32
" Deputy Accountant General.——— 1 — 4
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To

The Dy. Comms of Distds
Dy. Asstt. Comml.

Dated 4 February

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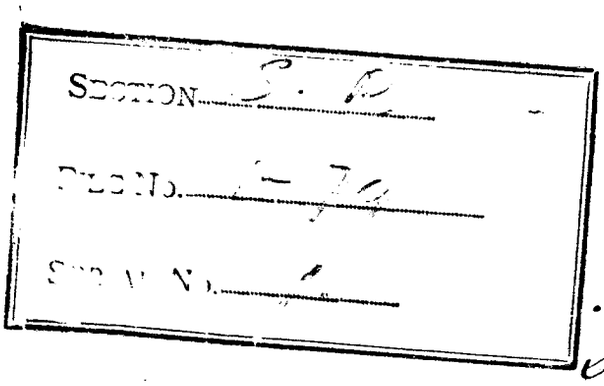
No 5903-11
R. 1035



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Consequent on the
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Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Ellysore.—

Order.— No 5903-11 d/4 Feb'y/80.
R. 1035

With reference to the Opium act and the Rules published in the Gazette and which will come into force from the 1st April 1880, the Deputy Commissioners of the several Districts are requested to give the widest publicity to them, especially amongst the cultivators of the Poppy and traders in Opium, and to notify to them that the cultivation of Poppy and the manufacture, import, export and transport of Opium are absolutely prohibited from the above date, that no one is allowed to sell Opium excepting licensed Vendors

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or licensed Medical Practitioners,
and that no one is authorized
to have in his possession more
than 3 Tolas of opium purchased
from Government or a licensed
Vendor or Medical Practitioner.
Any persons who may be now
in possession of opium should
deliver up the same before
the 1st April 1880 to the Deputy
Commissioner, who will forward
the same to the Dy Accountt General.
They will be paid for ~~for~~
~~the same~~ if it is fit for use
at cost price.

2. The arrangements con-
templated are that the
Mysore Government will import
the opium required for local
consumption from Malwa
through the Dy Accountant
General, to whom the District
Officers should from time to
time apply for the quantities

required for consumption in their several Districts.

3. The Dy Commissioners are authorized to grant licenses for the retail sale of Opium to any Vendors and Medical practitioners, in the forms appended to the Rules. As the extremely limited demand for Opium in this Province affords but little inducement to persons to trade in it, and as it is important that there should be no difficulty in the way of persons readily obtaining Opium for Medical purposes or otherwise, care should be taken that no impediments are thrown in the way of persons obtaining licenses except on the ground of doubtful character. The Dy. Comrs are requested to propose the Quarterly fee to be

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paid by the Vendors ~~at fixed rates~~ for their licenses,
~~which are to be~~ ×
but no fees are leviable from
Medical Practitioners.

4. The Vendors should
obtain the opium from the
Deputy Commissioners in quantities
of not less than 1 seer of 24 tolas
weight at a time on prepayment
of the price which will be
hereafter fixed and intimated.
(But Medical Practitioners
are not authorized to have
in their possession more than
1 seer of opium. They may
purchase a less quantity either
from licensed Vendors or
from the Dy Commissioners.

5. No retail price ~~from~~ for
Vendors, either ~~or~~ fixed or a maximum,
is prescribed and such will
not be necessary so long as
licenses are freely given to
competing

competing applicants.

6. The Commissioners should arrange to terminate all existing Contracts and arrangements in regard to opium by the end of the current official year. They should, in due course, report the arrangements made by them in the matter, the licenses issued by them, the manner in which the public requirements in the matter are met, the prices at which vendors sell the article to the public, and whether there is any room for smuggling.

7. In conclusion it is necessary to explain that the provisions of the act in regard to the cultivation of poppy & the manufacture & trade in opium are entirely prohibitive, excepting to such extent as is specially permitted

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Permitted by the Rules.

Rev Secretary.

To the Commissioners of Pts.
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From The Dy Commissioner
Bangalore Distt.

To
Secretary to Chief Commissioner,
Revenue ~~General~~ Department.

SECTION 5.12.
FILE No. 1-79
SERIAL No. 2

Dated 20th January
Despatched
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ENCLOSURES NO.

~~General~~ No. 543 } 1879-~~80~~.
No.

Reports regarding the rates of licence fees on Opium & Ganja shops.

21.2.80

Secretary

Revenue Department

Read 21/2/80
Replied 23/2/80

R. No. 573-

Dy: Commissioners Office (2)
Bangalore District
Dated 20th February 1880.

To

The Secretary to the
Chief Commissioner
of Mysore
Revenue Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Chief Commissioners' Proceedings No. 5903-11/1035 dated the 4th Instant issuing instructions regarding the arrangements to be made in consequence of the Opium Act and Rules coming into force in this Province from 1st April 1880, and in reply to state as follows:-

2. Heretofore vendors of Opium have been vendors of Ganjah and Majum as well. The Rate of license fees of Rupees 10 per month levied on their shops, in the Town

and Cantonment of Bangalore ap-
-pears to have worked well, inasmuch
as the full complement of shops which
existed previous to the Separation of
Opium, Ganjah &c. from the Toddy con-
-tract continues even now to exist.
It may be mentioned that larger pro-
-fits are made from the sale of Ganjah
than from that of Opium in the Town
and Cantonment of Bangalore, as
illustrated in the table appended
to para 2 of my letter No. 350 of 15th.
November last. But as under the
recent orders no license fees will be
levied on Ganjah, the sale of which
cannot be confined to the Vendors
of Opium, I would as a matter of
principle propose the rate of license
fee for Opium vend to be fixed at
Rupees 5 or 6 per mensem, without reference
to the fact whether the same person

vends Sanjah or not. B

3. As regards the Taluk Cusbahs and villages, experience has shewn that the public demand for these articles is very limited. There is at present but one shop for the whole of the interior of the District in the Ankul Taluk, and though the present rates viz: Rupees 5, 3, or 2 per mensem may be deemed rather high when compared with the profits made by the vendors, yet I cannot believe that this circumstance alone is in the way of people coming forward to apply for licenses. But as an experiment, the fees in question may be reduced to a uniform rate of Rupees 9 a Quarter.

4. In conclusion I would beg to enquire who is to be reckoned a Medical practitioner, for unless some restriction is placed upon the term

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many quasi medical practitioners will spring up, who will be selling to the public rather too freely for medicinal purposes.

5. Para 6 of the Chief Commissioners' order now under reference, will be replied to in due course.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant.

Sd/ Kirkett
Dy: Commissioner
Bangalore District

Sept 15 1880. Rev Dept 5175

From The Deputy Commissioner Hissar District.

SUBJECT S P.
FILE No. 1-79
SER'AL No. 3

To

Secretary to Chief Commissioner,
Revenue ~~General~~ Department.

Dated 4th March 1880
Despatched 5th
Received 6th

Enclosures No.

General No. 1844 / No. 509 } 1879—80.

I propose that [illegible] may be fixed as quarterly fees to be paid by the vendors of opium for their licenses.

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No. 1844
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Deputy Commissioner
Salem District
11th March 1866

To

The Revenue Board
to the Chief Commissioner
of Mysore

Sir

With reference to the concluding
part of para 3 of the Chief Commissioner's
Proceedings dated 5903 II of the 4th ultimo
Re. 1035
I have the honor to propose that a
Fee of Rupees 3/- may be fixed as
quarterly fee to be paid by the vendors
of opium for their licenses.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Servant

Deputy Commissioner
Salem District

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From The Dy Commr Kadur Dt

To

Secretary to Chief Commissioner,
Revenue ~~General~~ Department.
Bangalore

SECTION 8R.
FILE No. 1-79
SUB No. 4

Dated 14th March
Despatched 15th March
Received 17th March

ENCLOSURES NO

General No. 1637 } 1879—80
No. /

Sir

With reference to the Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No. 5903-11 dated 4th ultimo (1035) I have the honor to state as follows.

1. There is only one opium vendor in this District viz the town of Chikmagalur and he sells under a license for which he pays a fee of Rs 5 a month.

No other contracts or arrangements are in existence.

2. I beg to propose that the same rate of fee may be retained, at least as a tentative measure for the ensuing official year.

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3 - The present Vendor collects opium at 8 annas per tola. I have no reason to suspect smuggling but I think that the Revenue of Vendors should direct attention to the public requirements, as I am told that Contracts had, to a certain extent, been made by the people from time to time in this respect. However I have received application as yet from only the present Vendor, but I expect more applications. I am applying to the Accountant General just now for one hundred of opium. This quantity, I anticipate will do for 6 months Consumption throughout the District.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt

A. Cameron Esq
Commissioner
Kadur Dist.

No. 1891

Inysone Dy Comm's Office
Dated 15 March 188

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SECTION S. R.

FILE No. 1-79

SERIAL No. 41/2

The Revenue Secretary
& the Chief Commr:
of Inysone

Sir

With reference to the Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No. 5903-11 Revd: 1035 of 4th Ultimo I have the honor to inform you that there are only at present 2 Vendors in the Town of Inysone and 1 at French Rocks the former paying Licenses of Rs: 5 the latter of Rs: 2 these rates may be maintained and I have informed these parties that Licenses under the new Act will be granted them if they desire to carry on the trade.

2. No Medical Practitioners in the District deal in opium and no applications from them or from others to be License Vendors have been received and orders have been issued to forward all applications from some or others as received.

3. The sale by the Inysone Vendors is put down at 3/4 seers each daily by themselves but by the present Contractor at

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from whom
of from 16 to 17 Rs. per month, they purchase it at Rs. 7-8-0, the one sells it retail at Rs. 8-0-0 the others at Rs. 8-8-0 per seer.

4. The Consumption is principally Silguti opium, the Malwa opium is only taken in small quantities - say 3 or 4 Tolas monthly by some Druggists and this the Contractor has hitherto himself supplied.

5. The trade is so limited that retail prices for vends by License holders need not in my opinion be fixed.

6. A prohibitory order regarding trade and cultivation calling in supplies in hands, inviting applications to vend or from Medical Practitioners, and announcing that after the 1st April the possession of more than 3 Tolas will render the party liable to the penalties of the act, has been issued to all Talukas and ordered to be Tom Tomed in all principal Towns and made known to growers and traders and present -

Contractors

Contractors.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obdt. Servt.

By Commissioners
Ingersoll Dist

From

The Hy Comm.

Bryd. [illegible]

To the Rev Sealy Bottie

Chief Commr

Bonfia Coast

D/ 15th
D/ 17th
Rd 18

Manda

Enclosing Note

Ellis No 1891

Referring to Ch Secretary's
No 5903-11 of 4th ultimo
1035
informing that Mr Ellis
will proceed Vendalore
on Tuesday [illegible]
[illegible] at Tuticorin

18-3-80

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From The Deputy Commissioner
Shimoga District

To

Secretary to Chief Commissioner,
Revenue ~~General~~ Department.

SECTION

FILE No.

Dated 15th March 80.

Despatched 16th do

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 329 / No. — } 1879—80.

Chief Commissioner's Proceedings
No. 5903-11 / Rev. 1035 dated 4th February
80.

Submitting a report on the
opium trade in this District.

18.3.80

Deputy Commissioner's office
Shimoga District.

329.

Shimoga, 15th March 1880.
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To

The Secretary to the
Chief Commissioner
Revenue Department.

Sir,

With reference to the Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No 5903-11 dated 4th ultimo, Rev: 1035 I have the honor to state that as already reported there is only one vendor at Shimoga in this District licensed to sell opium. The present license fee is Rupees 5 per shop per month. From the accounts kept by the Shimoga shop-keeper, it appears that he sold the following quantities during the last 3 years.

1877-78	Seers of 24 Rs weight	78 3/4.
1878-79	——— Do ———	65 1/2
1879-80. upto 3rd March 1880.	Do	56 1/4.
	Total.	199 1/2.

The price at which he bought opium was 6 Rupees, ~~per seer~~ and that at which he sold was 12 Rupees per seer, so that deducting the license fee of Rupees 60 per year, he made a profit of Rupees 1017.

2 I am not yet aware what price will be charged on the Government opium

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be sold to licensed vendors, but supposing it to be about Rs 8 per seer of 24 tolas weight, the present license fee of 15 Rupees per quarter may be continued, and as the shops will be put up to sale, the principle of the maximum revenue from the minimum consumption will be upheld.

3. The Amildars of the interior Talukas have reported that there is no demand for opium there, but the right to keep a shop at each of the Taluk Head Quarters will be put up to sale, to be bid for or not as the people may like.

4. The Deputy Accountant General has been requested to send a supply of 60 seers for this District for the present.

I have the honor to be.
Sir
Your most obedient servant.

C V Narasimmiengar
Deputy Commissioner
Shimoga District.

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(Deputy Commissioner's office
Tumkur District

Camp at Sira 17th March 1880

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To

The Secretary to the
Chief Commissioner of Mysore
Revenue Department.

Sir.

Adverting to the proceedings
of the 4th February 1880 No. 5903-11 C
Rev No. 1035
have the honor to report that the consumption of opium in this district
is very small and chiefly as medicine.
The licenses for medical practitioners
are therefore likely to be more numerous
than those for sale of the article,
and for the latter licenses a quarterly
fee of Rupee one seems suitable.

2. I have applied to the deputy
Accountant General for 10 seers
of opium which is calculated

to

to be about a six months' consumption and I beg that I may be informed of the price at which it is to be sold as well as of the fee to be levied for the licenses to be issued.

3. In para 4 of the Proceedings under advertence the Deputy Commissioners are authorized to sell opium in less quantities than one seer to medical practitioners, but Rule XIII appears to prohibit such sales and I therefore request instructions for guidance.

4. The report called for in para 6 of the Proceedings above quoted will be submitted in due course.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt.

Kirkwood Jr
Deputy Commissioner
Kumkis Dist.

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Read.—

Chief Commissioner's Proceedings dated the 4th February 1880, No. 5903-11, R. 1035.

(2). Letter from the Dy Commr of the Bangalore District, No 543 dated 20th Feby 1880.

(3). Letter from the Dy Commr Kolar District, No 1844/509 of 4th March 1880.

(4). Letter from the Dy Commr, Kadur District, No 1637 of 14th March 1880.

(5) Letter from the Dy Commr Mysore District, No 1891 of 15th March 1880.

(6). Letter from the Dy Commr, Shemoga District, No 329 of 15th March 1880.

(7). Letter from the Dy Commr Tumkur District, No B of 17th March 1880.

Order thereon.—

No. 6898-6907 dy 27 March 1880.
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In continuation of

Pro.

Pro: dated 4th February 1880, No 5903-11 / R 1035, the Chief Commr. directs that the price to be charged for the opium supplied by the Deputy Comm to licensed Vendors and Medical practitioners shall be Rs. 7-8-- per seer of 24 tolas, that is, 5 annas per Tola weight. This barely covers the cost of the article and the duty & transit charges.

2. With regard to the License-fees, Rs. 5 per month appear to be levied in the Towns of Mysore, Chennapa and Chikmagalur, and in Bangalore a combined fee of Rs. 10/- per month for the sale of Opium and Ganja. The Dy Commissioner of Kolar recommends a fee of Rupee one per months, and that of Tumkur one Rupee per Quarter.

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it is desired that the licenses may be freely given to all Medical Practitioners, whether Hakims & Pundits ~~of the old school~~ or certified Medical men, if they are known to require the articles for ~~Medical~~ medicinal purposes only.

4. As pointed out by the Deputy Commissioner of Tumkur, under Rule ~~XIII~~ I, the Dy Commissioners are not at liberty to sell less than one seer at a time whether to Medical practitioners or licensed Vendors - Para 4 of the Proceedings dated 4th February 1880 will be modified accordingly.

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By order

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The Dy Commrs of Districts.
" Dy accts General.
President, Bangalore
Municipal Commission
for information Bangalore.